



Bobby Gene Melder

September 1, 1964 - April 4, 2026

Bobby Gene Melder, 61, passed away on April 4, 2026. Born on September 1, 1964, Bobby lived a life defined by service, strength, and unwavering dedication to both his family and his community.

He proudly served his country in the United States Navy, carrying that same sense of duty and discipline throughout his life. Following his time in the military, Bobby continued his path of service as a Houston Firefighter and Houston Arson Investigator. He faced danger with courage and pursued truth with determination, leaving a lasting impact on the community he worked tirelessly to protect.

Above all, Bobby was a devoted husband and father. He is survived by the love of his life, Belinda Melder, who stood beside him through life's many chapters. He was a proud father to his daughter, Kayla Tracy, who is married to Travis Tracy, and his son, Zaine Melder. He was also a cherished grandfather to Sloan Tracy and Sawyer Tracy, who brought him immense joy.

Bobby is also survived by his mother, Joann Melder; his brother, George Melder, and George's wife, Suzanne Melder, along with their two daughters. He is preceded in death by his father, A.D. Melder.

Those who knew Bobby will remember a man of quiet strength, integrity, and

deep loyalty. Whether in uniform, on the job, or at home with his family, he showed up with purpose and heart.

Bobby Gene Melder leaves behind a legacy of honor, resilience, and love that will continue to live on through his family and all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 12, 2026, at 10:00 AM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home in Huntsville, TX. A celebration of Bobby's life will continue after the services at 279 Preston Rd, until 3pm.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **12**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr.
Huntsville, TX 77340
(936) 291-7300
belinda@shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bobby Gene Melder.

April 11 at 06:35 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.



April 11 at 03:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bobby Gene Melder.

April 11 at 03:10 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.



April 10 at 10:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bobby Gene Melder.

April 10 at 10:18 PM

HF

“ HFD Arson Family purchased the Heavenly Sentiments Spray for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.



HFD Arson Family - April 10 at 06:46 PM

HF

“ HFD Arson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobby Gene Melder.

HFD Arson Family - April 10 at 06:46 PM

TB

“ Tom B. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.



Tom B. - April 10 at 04:27 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.



April 10 at 03:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.*



April 10 at 03:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Bobby Gene Melder.

April 10 at 03:10 PM



“ *My sweet, funny, and loving nephew. Thanks to my sister for giving this family such a wonderful person. Sixty one years was not long enough.*



Gail Cook - April 09 at 05:38 PM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.*



April 09 at 02:46 PM



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April 09 at 02:46 PM



“ Bobby and I trained together in the fire academy back in 1989. In 2024, Bobby retired from HFD in the same division as I and just one office down from me. Bobby and I did not "follow" each another around all that time however from the time at the academy until the time of retirement I witnessed a humble man. One who listened and shared a calm demeanor.

It brought great joy to experience this form of Brotherhood. An old saying I picked up some years ago; "back-up, hook-up, pump 200", well...from what I know of Bobby, he knew the exact pressure to supply on any given hose lay. Thanks, Bobby for years, Rest Easy my Friend...James Schmidt

James Schmidt - April 09 at 10:39 AM



“ Love, Meredith and Jay purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.



Love, Meredith and Jay - April 09 at 08:54 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.*



April 08 at 05:26 PM



“ *Robert & Denise Stephenson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.*



Robert & Denise Stephenson - April 08 at 01:23 PM



“ *The Hedges Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.*



The Hedges Family - April 08 at 01:14 PM



“ *The Hedges Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bobby Gene Melder.*

The Hedges Family - April 08 at 01:14 PM

WS

“ Truly heart breaking news. Worked so many of my debit days with him at 31 D and he welcomed me with open arms when I asked to be his chauffer at 74 A way back in 2005. It was always refreshing to see him show up for our fire investigations over the years because he always did it right!! So many prayers for the family!!

Wesley Swanson HFD

Wesley Swanson - April 08 at 11:19 AM

CF

“ CC Hardy Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.



CC Hardy Family - April 08 at 10:51 AM

BW

“ 31B back in the day, save a seat on the tailboard for us!



Brian Williamson - April 07 at 09:23 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.



April 07 at 04:45 PM

MF

“ *Lifting up the family and friends of Bobby Melder for comfort and strength from our Lord Jesus Christ.*



Marvin Hyvl & Family - April 07 at 12:20 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.*



April 07 at 07:00 AM

WM

“ *With Love, Heros and Maria Markarian purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.*



With Love, Heros and Maria Markarian - April 06 at 08:56 PM

LM

“ *What a legacy Bobby has left. He loved like Jesus. He played such an incredible role in all the lives of those he knew & loved. He will be missed immensely but we can rest knowing he's in the arms of His Lord & Savior. Belinda, Kayla, Zaine, Travis, Girls, George, Suzanne and all Bobby's family and friends our hearts are hurting for you. We will have you in our thoughts and prayers in the many difficult days to come. We love you all and are grateful we had the honor and privilege of calling Bobby our dear & precious friend. With deepest condolences and heartfelt love. Don & Lynn*

Lynn Morris - April 06 at 08:20 PM

MD

“ *To the entire. Melder family... you lost a true gem ... he was loved by many... even though we have only had the pleasure of being truly special friends for a short period of time... it seems as it has been a lifetime and a bond that was so special. We had so much in common and enjoyed every single minute we were able to spend with you and will always cherish these fond memories made all of us together. We truly are blessed to have been able to call you neighbor, and friend, God bless you ,R.I.P. Bobby Gene, you definitely earned your wings! Love always Mike and Brenda (P.S. guess now I have to eat all the milky ways by myself!!)*

Mike and Brenda Deats - April 06 at 08:17 PM

BL

“ *Brenna & Landon purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Bobby Gene Melder.*



Brenna & Landon - April 06 at 08:16 PM